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SUBJ: FUEL SHORTAGE AND POOR FISHING PROSPECTS DISCOURAGE TUNA
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1. LOCAL INDUSTRY SOURCE INDICATES LARGE CONCENTRATION OF TUNA BOATS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL) HAS DISPERSED TO HOME PORTS IN PANAMA AND SAN DIEGO, LARGELY DUE TO IMPOSSIBILITY OF SECURING SUFFICIENT FUEL IN PANAMA. HE BELIEVES THAT ONLY THE ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY OF GOOD FISHING WILL DRAW FLEET INTO ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS.

2. REGARDING LATTER, HE DOES NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE FOR IMPROVED PROSPECTS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR, IF THEN. PREVIOUS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY BY INSHORE FISHERMEN OUT OF MANTA (REFTEL) HAS NOT FULFILLED PROMISE OF GREATER THINGS, IN SPITE OF WATER TEMPERATURE APPROACHING OPTIMUM LEVEL. SOURCE DOLEFULLY COMPARED PRESENT SEASON TO THAT OF 1972-73, WHICH HE TERMED "A DISASTER".

3. AS FOR FUEL REQUIREMENTS, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT FOREIGN-FLAG TUNA BOATS, EVEN IF LICENSED, WILL FIND BUNKERS IN ECUADOR. COUNTRY'S TWO SMALL REFINERIES ARE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING ONLY A
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LIMITED AMOUNT OF HEAVIER FRACTIONS AND MOST OF THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN SPOKEN FOR BY INTERNAL CONSUMERS. REMAINDER, ACCORDING TO

LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY REP, PRESENTLY AMOUNTS TO NO MORE THAN 600 TONS PER MONTH AND HAS ALREADY BEEN PRE-EMPTED BY AGENTS OF LOCAL SHIPPING LINES UNABLE TO SECURE ACCUSTOMED BUNKERS IN PANAMA. SUPPLIES AVAILABLE HERE HAVE BEEN APPORTIONED BY INFORMAL GOE EDICT: HALF TO "NATIONAL" (FLOTA GRANCOLOMBIANA) VESSELS, THE REST TO OTHER LINES REGULARLY SERVING ECUADOR. SOURCE INDICATES THERE IS FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES NO LIGHT DIESEL-GRADE FUEL AVAILABLE FOR MARINE USE TO OUTSIDERS. WHAT LITTLE FUEL AVAILABLE CONSISTS ENTIRELY OF HEAVIEST BUNKER GRADES (MOSTLY 3,500 SECONDS/SAYBOLT, WHICH SOURCE CHARACTERIZES AS "THICK ENOUGH TO SELL IN SLICES") AND NOT LIKELY TO BE USABLE BY TUNA BOATS EVEN IF OFFERED. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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